

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Development of Airports in Chhattisgarh
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur in Chhattisgarh State is proposed to be declared as an international airport;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be announced/international flights are likely to be commenced therefrom;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur airstrips in Chhattisgarh as airports and if so, the time by which it is likely to be declared/developed;
- (d) whether the Airports Authority of India has assented to setting up a 3-C category airport in Raigarh;
- (e) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and
- (f) whether efforts are being made to turn old terminal of Raipur airport into Cargo terminal and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.;

(c) : Development of airstrips / airports depends on traffic demand, commercial viability, availability of adequate land etc. In the 1st round bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN, Air Odisha has been selected to operate RCS flights from unserved airports/airstrips at Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur.;

(d) & (e) : Yes, Madam. For development of Raigarh Airport for operation of 3C Category i.e ATR-72/Q-400 type of aircraft in Phase-I and subsequently for AB-320 type of aircraft operation in Phase-II, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with the State Government of Chhattisgarh . ;

(f) : Yes, Madam. A part of the old terminal building of Raipur Airport has already been converted into Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal.